

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

SHAWN S.¹,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 22-cv-13056

v.

HON. MARK A. GOLDSMITH

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY
ADMINISTRATION,

Defendant.

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OPINION & ORDER

**(1) ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN THE MAGISTRATE
JUDGE'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION DATED DECEMBER 8, 2023 (Dkt. 16),
(2) DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT
(Dkt. 12), (3) GRANTING DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT
(Dkt. 15), AND (4) AFFIRMING THE COMMISSIONER'S DECISION**

This matter is presently before the Court on the Report and Recommendation (R&R) of Magistrate Judge Elizabeth A. Stafford, issued on December 8, 2023 (Dkt. 16). In the R&R, the magistrate judge recommends that the Court deny Plaintiff Shawn S.'s motion for summary judgment (Dkt. 12), grant Defendant the Commissioner of Social Security Administration's motion for summary judgment (Dkt. 15), and affirm the Commissioner's final decision denying Shawn S.'s application for supplemental security income under Title XVI of the Social Security Act.

The parties have not filed objections to the R&R, and the time to do so has expired. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b)(2). The failure to file a timely objection to an R&R constitutes a waiver of

¹ Consistent with guidance regarding privacy concerns in Social Security cases by the Judicial Conference Committee on Court Administration and Case Management, this district has adopted a policy to identify plaintiffs by only their first names and last initials. See also Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.2(c)(2)(B).

the right to further judicial review. See Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140, 150 (1985) (“It does not appear that Congress intended to require district court review of a magistrate’s factual or legal conclusions, under a de novo or any other standard, when neither party objects to those findings.”); Smith v. Detroit Fed’n of Teachers, 829 F.2d 1370, 1373-1374 (6th Cir. 1987) (failure to file objection to R&R “waived subsequent review of the matter”); Cephas v. Nash, 328 F.3d 98, 108 (2d Cir. 2003) (“As a rule, a party’s failure to object to any purported error or omission in a magistrate judge’s report waives further judicial review of the point.”); Lardie v. Birkett, 221 F. Supp. 2d 806, 807 (E.D. Mich. 2002) (“As to the parts of the report and recommendation to which no party has objected, the Court need not conduct a review by any standard.”). However, there is some authority that a district court is required to review the R&R for clear error. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 Advisory Committee Note Subdivision (b) (“When no timely objection is filed, the court need only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.”). Therefore, the Court has reviewed the R&R for clear error. On the face of the record, the Court finds no clear error and accepts the recommendation.

Accordingly, Plaintiff Shawn S.’s motion for summary judgment (Dkt. 16) is denied, the Defendant’s motion for summary judgment (Dkt. 15) is granted, and the Commissioner’s decision is affirmed.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 26, 2024
Detroit, Michigan

s/Mark A. Goldsmith
MARK A. GOLDSMITH
United States District Judge